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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho—
Fair, warmer.

MR. HAMMOND'S PURPOSES.

The formal announcement comes from Portland that the Astoria & Columbia River Railroad Company will not stop at Tillamook in its scheme of coast extension, but press on to Yaquina and a connection with the Corvallis & Eastern, throwing out a series of branch lines en route that will cover all the available and unexploited territory between Seaside and Yaquina Bay; the two most notable side lines being up the two forks of the Nehalem, and the entire scheme developing some of the finest country in all Oregon.

These important details have the sanction of the stockholders and the directorate and the charter of the road has been amended to conform to and confirm the project, so that no doubt remains as to the accuracy of the declarations. Months ago, when Mr. Hammond first announced the Tillamook extension, this paper forecasted the certain progress of the line to a junction at Yaquina with the C. & E., and only the proposed branches up the lateral valleys as projected at Monday's meeting in Portland, is news here.

The people of the whole coast country are to be congratulated on this certain assurance of achieving all they have hoped and striven for during the years that have marked their settlement, and the very certainty of its coming will have a tendency toward the unfolding of a thousand projects, great and small, that have been in abeyance for want of just this great scheme of transportation. So it is a fine thing for the A. & C., as well as those awaiting it, and A. B. Hammond is no loiterer once he knows what he wants and is in readiness to proceed.

Astoria herself may be included in this vast volume of expansion incident to this undertaking and will reap her share of the splendid increment.

THE THINKING SEASON.

Every once in a while there comes a season when public indifference to things municipal must give place to honest and earnest interest and the erstwhile careless citizen must do a bit of real thinking, and not permit it all to be done by the "boss," the "party," the "leaders," whose interest in specific things is tantamount to peril. This thinking season is upon Astoria. Her citizens are soon to be confronted with the new amendments to the charter of the city, and they are all more or less important and deserving close scrutiny. There are some, in fact, the majority of them, that are actually necessary and expedient; and others that are not so plainly essential. The ordinary mind can easily distinguish their relative value, provide the trouble is taken to investigate the list and weigh the real merit of each.

One of the flagrant blunders committed by the late commission was the casting out of the amendment abolishing the Police Commission and putting the affairs of that department directly under the control of the mayor and council and another, and worse, blunder, was the interpolation of the amendment providing for the translation of the Astoria Water Commission to the realm of local politics, by setting up an elective tenure for its members and warping its affairs to the general medley of municipal control and interference.

The first blunder will probably be adjusted through the independent initiative, and the second will be cured by the people themselves if the commensurate amount of thinking is done before the twelfth day of December.

When the time for discussion arrives the Astorian will try to convey its views and reasons for and against the several items of amendment and will do so in the interest of the city as a whole, without reference to the wishes or purposes of any man in the city. But, for the nonce, it urges all thoughtful citizens to do their judging when the bill of charter amendments shall be submitted.

SENATOR YARDMAN'S POLICY.

The declared policy of Senator-elect Yardman of Mississippi, to present in the federal Senate a bill providing for the recession of the fifteenth amendment to the Constitution of the country, and to fight for its success, has a sombre meaning for more people than the colored race of the nation. The conditions in the South, of recent years, have given the Southerner a pretty fair standing in such a contest as is promised, and while it is far too early to presage the issue, it is safe to conclude that the progress of such a bill through the national houses will arouse a clash of sentiment that will not subside with the adjournment of Congress, but is quite likely to be carried into the years if it shall be as hot as we believe it will be. Either this, or its prompt and final crushing out by an antagonistic disposition on the part of Congress will ensue. And there is danger in either event. The success of such a measure means the revamping of all the sorry and hurtful ante-bellum quarrels, to the utter disquietude and disruption of social, commercial, educational and administrative conditions that have found acceptable status only after long years of patient and generous work and forbearance; and its failure will have a tendency to make the negro more contumacious and dangerous by the very reaction from such a determined effort to disfranchise and oust him from the position he has never been able to fill, however gratuitously it was given him. The matter is fraught with danger and the best solution of the whole miserable question is to leave it with the people who know the negro best and suffer the most by their knowledge. Somebody head off Yardman!

SUGGESTIONS FOR MOTHERS.

Parents and teachers need never expect to govern children successfully until they have learned to govern themselves.

"Making a child mind instantly," is considered a great accomplishment by some inexperienced parents and teachers. Does the child obey your command with a cheerful spirit and with a loving look in its eyes? Does it show a desire from day to day to help and to please you in little things? If so, your guidance is in the right direction. Point out attractive ways in which the child may find pleasure in doing right. Call out, by conversation with it, the child's idea of right and wrong in things that transpire both in its home and school life. Call out its childish judgment and respect it, too.

Teach the child to be respectful to the aged by showing a liberal amount of deference to the aged parent, whose last days are supposed to be made happy and comfortable in your home.

Teach the child to be kind to pets, not by kicking a dog or beating a horse in its presence. There is a better way. "My child has a fearful temper." Has it? Then try to ward off causes for arousing its temper until it is old enough to control itself. A little tact will prevent many an unpleasant scene with a nervous, excitable child.—Ex.

Recently we picked up a magazine and made an appalling discovery. According to the advertisement in this magazine, nobody can afford to be without fourteen different kinds of automobiles, no one can afford to be without eight different kinds of bicycle tires, nobody can afford to be without a \$75 automobile lamp, nobody can afford to be without a \$15 fishing rod, nobody can afford to be without a \$42 shotgun, nobody can afford to be without a \$9 hunting suit, nobody can afford to be without a set of Tiffany silverware, price \$320; nobody can afford to be without a suit of Never-wearout underwear at \$5, nobody can afford to be without a cut glass bowl at \$15, nobody can afford to be without a \$8 camera, etc. We figured it out that nobody could afford to be without \$23,642 worth of things. What are we to do? The sum of \$23,642 is more than we carry around in our vest pocket. It is real distressing.

Many husbands and fathers who are the life of every company which they enter are silent in their own homes, and are uninteresting to their wives and among their children.

The Waste of Our Great Natural Resources

By JAMES J. HILL, President
Great Northern
Railroad

HERE are our American children to find standing room and the tens of millions of the future a place for wholesome industry? This is an intensely practical question. IT IS IMMEDIATE. For within twenty years we must house and employ in some fashion 50,000,000 of additional population, and by the middle of this century, at a time when the child now born will be in the prime of life, there will be approximately TWO AND A HALF TIMES AS MANY PEOPLE in the United States as there are today.

No nation in history was ever confronted with a sterner question than this certain prospect sets before us. What are we to do with our brother, whose keeper we are? How are we to provide our own children with shelter and their daily bread?

Rational consideration of our potential resources and of available future employment for this great multitude must, of course, proceed together. LABOR MUST HAVE MATERIAL TO WORK UPON, and labor and material must also be so conjoined that the sum total shall be an increase of product equal to the advancing demands upon it, while at the same time our natural resources shall not be EXHAUSTED. Only thus can the future be made safe.

The mighty wealth of this continent was adequate, with ordinarily provident handling, for an INDEFINITE INCREASE of the demands upon it. The inheritors of this wealth have already so far dissipated it that some prudent care of the residue cannot be postponed without certain disaster.

Within forty-four years we shall have to meet the wants of more than 200,000,000 people. In less than twenty years from this moment the United States will have 130,000,000 people. Where are these people, not of some dim, distant age, BUT OF THIS VERY GENERATION now growing to manhood, to be employed and how supported?

The first step is to realize our dependence upon the CULTIVATION OF THE SOIL. The next will be to concentrate popular interest and invention and hope upon that neglected occupation. We are still clinging to the skirts of a civilization born of great cities. We at this very moment use a slang which calls the stupid man "a farmer." GENIUS HAS SHUNNED THE FARM and expended itself upon mechanical appliances and commerce and the manifold activities whose favorable reactions filter back but slowly to the plot of ground upon which stands solidly THE REAL MASTER of himself and of his destiny.

IF WE COMPREHEND OUR PROBLEM ARIGHT ALL THIS WILL CHANGE AND A LARGER COMPREHENSION OF AGRICULTURE AS OUR MAIN RESOURCE AND OUR MOST DIGNIFIED AND INDEPENDENT OCCUPATION WILL FOR THE FUTURE DIRECT TO THEIR JUST AIM, IN THE IMPROVEMENT OF METHODS AND THE INCREASE OF YIELD, THE WISDOM AND THE SCIENCE AND THE WILLING LABOR OF THE MILLIONS WHO THUS MAY TRANSMIT TO POSTERITY AN UNIMPAIRED INHERITANCE.

EDITORIAL SALAD.

The highest building in America is to be erected in New York. It will be 625 feet in height.

Belva Lockwood says it is just as necessary for women to study law as to learn to cook. A good many other women seem to take the same view of the case, and they are not studying law, either.

An Oklahoma girl jerked her head back suddenly to keep from being kissed and dislocated her neck. At such critical times, dear girls, it is always safer to stand and take your medicine.—Ex.

Horses are scarce and advancing in price. The tendency has been upward since the exportation of American horses to Africa during the Boer war, until good horses have almost doubled in price in the past seven years. Horse dealers are scouring many parts of the country in search of stock, and industriously picking up the desirable animals.

Many farmers make the mistake in building wire fences of driving the staples into every post as far as possible. Do not drive them clear in, except on end posts. Leave just a little "play." Then wires can easily contract or expand all along the fence, uniformly, and, besides, it is easier to draw such staples when necessary.

Prof. Holden, the corn expert, says: "If every ear of corn that is to be used for seed is harvested this fall and hung up to dry thoroughly before the bitter cold breezes of November, it will add millions of dollars to Iowa." The old-time custom of selecting the best ears for seed in the fall should be more generally practiced.

Postmaster General Cortelyou has under consideration a plan of supplying farmers on rural routes with up-to-date weather forecasts. It is proposed that the weather bureau in Washington shall telegraph its morning forecasts

to the postmaster and they shall stamp the weather indication, together with the date, exact time and place at which the letter is received. The weather forecasts now furnished the farmers are at least twelve hours old.

The manufacturing nations of Europe have vainly tried to get rid of their dependence upon the United States for cotton. They have tried to cultivate it in India, in Egypt, and in other semi-tropical countries, but so far with no very marked results, although a variety has been raised in India which is unlike any raised in the Southern states. It has been found, however, that the India plant flourishes in Oklahoma and will hereafter be extensively cultivated there.

It is likely that the billion dollar Congress and the billion dollar wheat yield will arrive together. The estimated yield of winter and spring wheat for 1906 is 772,264,000 bushels or almost 80,000,000 bushels more than the total production of last year. It is worth while in this connection to note that not only will the home consumption be larger, but also that there is a large deficit in Europe. In Russia, for instance, which exports much wheat, there is dire famine in many of the provinces.

IN THE CITY THEATERS.

THE MACK SWAIN THEATER CO.

"The Witch of Wall Street" is a well constructed and most interesting sensational drama and seems to have caught the popular fancy, as was evidenced by another crowded house at the Star Theater last night. As "Jean Ingleside," Cora King Swain is at her best, and gives a fine performance of an exceedingly difficult character. Mack Swain is most amusing as the commercial drummer, and Jas. Wright as the stuttering office-boy is equally so. The play will be repeated tonight, and at the Saturday matinee. Tomorrow night the bill be changed to "At Silver Creek," a sensational comedy-drama in four acts.

AMUSEMENTS.

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